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SUBJECT: INDO-PAK RELATIONS

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1. WHEN POL COUNSELOR LAST SPOKE WITH MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL (SOUTH ASIA) HAYAT MEHDI ABOUT INDO-PAK RELATIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE, GOP HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY FROM INDIANS IN ANSWER TO THEIR REITERATED CIVIL AIR PROPOSAL. MEHDI WAS NOT HOPEFUL. HE SAID THAT MIN. OF STATE AZIZ AHMED HAD SOUGHT OUT INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN IN PARIS ON MATTER. ACCORDING TO MEHDI, CHAVAN HAD TOLD AZIZ ZHMED THAT WHILE PAK PROPOSAL CAME CLOSE TO INDIAN POSITION IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR BOTH SIDES TO LOOK AT ISSUE AGAIN AND "GO BACK TO DRAWING BOARD". CHAVAN ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THERE WAS NO NEED FOR HURRY TO SETTLE MATTER.

2. MEHDI SAID HE WAS QUITE PERSUADED THAT IT WAS THE
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CHANGED SITUATION IN BANGLADESH WHICH HAD LED THE

INDIANS TO ADOPT THEIR HARD LINE ON THE CIVIL AIR
ISSUE. HE REITERATED GOP POSITION THAT NO PURPOSE
WOULD BE SERVED BY FURTHER MEETING ON ISSUE UNTIL
AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAD BEEN REACHED BEFOREHAND.
A THIRD UNSUCCESSFUL SESSION, HE SAID, WOULD ONLY MAKE
MATTERS WORSE.
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